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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF REMAINS OF HOWARD J. LAPIDUS

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1. U.S. EMBASSY TAIPEI UNAWARE OF DOD REGULATION 4515.13R. WE HAVE NO RPT NO RECORD OF RECEIPT OF REPAIR. TAIPEI HAS BEEN UTILIZING MAC FACILITIES TO TRANSPORT REMAINS OF U.S. CIVILIANS TO USAF MORTUARY FOR AS LONG AS ANYONE HERE CAN REMEMBER.
2. EMBASSY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FORWARD REMAINS ON COMMERCIAL CARRIER AS DIRECTED IN STATE 129632.
3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS CONSIDERABLE PAPERWORK AND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT OF REMAINS. IN ORDER TO EFFECT A TIMELY DEPARTURE, THE EMBASSY NEEDS MORE INFORMATION.
4. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT CHARLES LAPIDUS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FAMILY MEMBER, AND
 - A. INFORM HIM THAT THE WIDOW, WINIFRED LAPIDUS, WISHES TO DEFJ DECIUON AS TOURRANGEMENTS TO FAMILY IN UNITED STATES,
 - B. EXPLAIN THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE TWO VIABLE

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ALTERNATIVES: FIRST - THE REMAINS CAN BE PREPARED AS REQUIRED BY ROC HEALTH BUREAU AND CARRIERS AND SHIPPED TO YOKOTA AFB FOR EMBALMING AND ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO NEW JERSEY. THIS WILL COST AN ADDITIONAL DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED. (LOCAL PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING CASKET, DOCUMENTATION AND "PREPARATION", ETC., ARE EXTENSIVE, EXPENSIVE AND TIME CONSUMING BUT MUST BE

DONE IF REMAINS ARE TO BE EXPORTED. ESTIMATED COST: DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND. ESTIMATED COST OF COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION TO TOKYO: DOLLARS FIVE HUNDRED. THE TOTAL, THEN, IS DOLLARS FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOR THAT ALTERNATIVE) OR SECOND - SHIPMENT DIRECT TO HACKENSACK. THE PREPARATION" REFERRED TO ABOVE IS AN INJECTION OF A SPOILAGE RETARDANT FLUID INTO THE REMAINS WHICH CAN SLOW DECOMPOSITION FOR ANY SPECIFIED NUMBER OF DAYS UP TO ABOUT TWO WEEKS (POSSIBLY LONGER). AS THAT MUST REPEAT MUST BE DONE FOR EXPORTATION OF REMAINS IN ANY CASE, THE FAMILY MAY WISH TO HAVE THE REMAINS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THE FUNERAL HOME AT HACKENSACK. FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS (ACCORDING TO MRS. WINIFRED LAPIDUS) THIS MAY BE A MORE ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE. IN ANY CASE, FORWARDING THE REMAINS DIRECTLY TO HACKENSACK NOT EMBALMED BUT PREPARED TO RETARD SPOILAGE WILL BE SOMEWHAT CHEAPER. IF FAMILY IN USA CHOOSES DIRECT SHIPMENT TO HACKENSACK, DEPT. SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO HAVE FUNDS N 9, \$309 85 -5 59(69 (REFERRED TO IN STATE 124568) TRANSFERRED TO TAIPEI. AN ADDITIONAL DOLLARS NINE HUNDRED WILL BE NEEDED BY EMBASSY, TAIPEI, TO COVER COST OF DIRECT SHIPMENT. (THE COST OF SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO HACKENSACK IS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED. ESTIMATED COST OF PREPARATION, ETC. IN TAIPEI (MENTIONED ABOVE) IS DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND. THE NINE HUNDRED REQUESTED HEREIN PLUS THE DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ALREADY ON DEPOSIT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO DEFRAY ALL EXPENSES.

C. TO SUM UP, IF ALTERNATIVE B. (ONE) ABOVE (SHIPMENT TO YOKOTA FOR EMBALMING AND TRANSSHIPMENT TO NEW JEGDEY) UNCLASSIFIED

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IS CHOSEN, REQUEST THAT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY BE SENT BY FAMILY IN USA TO EMBASSY TAIPEI. IF DIRECT SHIPMENT IS CHOSEN, B (TWO) ABOVE, EMBASSY TAIPEI WILL NEED AN ADDITIONAL NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS. ALL UNUSED FUNDS WILL, OF COURSE, BE RETURNED.

5. FAMILY DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO SHIP REMAINS DIRECTLY TO HACKENSACK OR VIA YOKOTA TO BE EMBALMED WITH CONCOMMITANT DEPOSITING OF REQUIRED FUNDS SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE BECAUSE "PREPARATION" CANNOT BE BEGUN NOR SHIPPING DOCUMENTS AND EXIT PERMITS PREPARED UNTIL DESTINATION OF REMAINS FROM TAIPEI IS KNOWN.

6. TAIPEI'S SURVEY OF FUNERAL HOMES WILL BE AMENDED SOONEST.
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